THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The growth rate declined in 1941—51 as well.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) An Action Plan has been formulated that consists of improving the quality and outreach of services; promotion of spacing methods among young couples; special focus in 90 demographically backward districts; involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote community participation; stregthening of interventions to promote maternal and child health care; and reorienting information. Education & Communication activities for promoting awareness towards adopting the small family norm.

Deaths Due to the Callousness of the Doctors in Hospitals

1127. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has instituted enquiry into the deaths due to the callousness of the doctors in various hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether enquiry was conducted by the medical experts;

(c) if so, what are the findings;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is great negligence in various hospitals, and

(e) if so, what are the remedial measures being considered by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have conducted enquiries in some cases through medical experts on the basis complaints received or newspaper reports. In 4 such enquiries recently conducted no case of negligence was observed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Negligence of Nagpur Medical College in Blood Transfusion

1128. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blood bank at Nagpur Medical College has given blood transfusion to four patients without proper test of AIDS;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the doctors of the Medical College have been arrested for the act of negligence; and

(c) whether Government would consider the AIDS affected people for adequate Compensation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two doctors and two technicians concerned have also been suspended. Two temporary technicians have been removed from service.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Water-borne diseases in the resettlement colonies of East Delhi

1129. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water-borne diseases such as cholera are assuming epidemic proportions in the resettlement colonies of East Delhi, particularly Kalyanpuri and Trilokpuri;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Municipal dispensaries and medical health services are not available in these areas;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation and permanently solve the medical problems of the residents of resettlement colonies; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Improvement of Health Services in the country

1130. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Times of India dated the 8th July, 1993 captioned "Health Services on the decline" as per the

World Development Report, 1993 released on July 7, 1993 by the World Bank;

(b) whether it is a fact that a top health administrator has warned that the country faces a general deterioration of Government financed health care and that health services for the poor constitute one of the "gravest crisis" in India;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to streamline/improve health services in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It would not be correct to say that health services to the poor are facing the gravest crisis. The Health Services for the poor have been strengthened and expanded. It is Government's constant endeavour to improve the health services in the country within the available resources. 'Health' being a State subject, the Government continuously interacts with State Governments on measures to be taken for achieving this objective.

Dental Colleges recognised by Dental Council of India

1131. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Dental Colleges presently functioning in the country, how many are affiliated and recognised by Dental Council of India;

(b) the number of seats and students in colleges, location and also the year of the establishment and the University to which they are affiliated;

(c) whether Dental Council of India conduct any All India test for selection of candidates for admission to dental courses in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent mushrooming growth of dental colleges in the country; and

(e) what steps are being taken by the Dental Council of India to improve the standard of Dental Education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Dental Council of India have intimated that 121 Dental Colleges are functioning in the country out of which 43 are recognised, 20 others are operating with approval obtained from Dental Council of India at the time of commencement in terms of the regulations.

(b) Statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) No Sir. However, the Central Board of Secondary Education conducts an All India Entrance Examination for admission to undergraduate medical and dental courses in recognised Government medical and dental colleges in the country.

(d) The Dentists Act, 1948 has been amended to make prior permission of the Central Government mandatory for establishment of a new Dental College, starting of new courses or training or increasing the admission capacity in existing Dental Colleges. It also requires compliance with the regulations that provide for stipulated infrastructural facilities.

(e) The Dental Council of India conduct periodical inspections to verify the infrastructural facilities like teaching staff, equipments and building etc. in the dental colleges as per the minimum requirements laid down in the regulations and advises the authorities concerned to fulfil the requirements.

Statement

Dental Council of India

List of Dental Colleges recognised by Dental Council of India for BDS Course

S. No.	Name of the College/Institution	Year of Establishment	No. of sanctioned seats	Name of the University with which affiliated
1	2	3	4	5
1	Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital	1952	50	Calcutta University